2015 Mississippi Prostate Cancer HBCU Undergraduate Research Training Program

Summer Experience in Cancer Health Disparities at the University of Mississippi-Cancer Institute

Supported by the U.S. Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program

Purpose: To train undergraduate students from Tougaloo College and Jackson State University so they can gain experience in performing prostate cancer research at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC)-Cancer Institute.

Duration: May 26, 2015 – July 31, 2015

Description: Students will participate in a 10-week comprehensive training program in Prostate Cancer research and care, perform hands on research, attend regular hosting lab meetings and a weekly one-on-one meeting with their mentors, attend research seminar series and lectures focused on prostate cancer, shadow clinicians, participate in a prostate cancer research symposium and prepare a final written report. Trainees will be involved in campus wide activities with undergraduates from other summer programs, learn about research programs at UMMC, postgraduate studies alternatives, graduate school application process, and will be provided opportunities in social settings to improve their networking and communication skills.

Financial: Successful applicants will receive a $6,000 stipend.

Eligibility: Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents or legal aliens who are pursuing a major in the life sciences, sophomores or junior standing for the upcoming fall semester, have successfully completed one semester of math and one year of sciences (biology, chemistry or physics), science grade point average of at least 3.0 at the time of submission, and have the intention of pursuing a Ph.D. after graduation.

Application package (available at www.umc.edu/reserachtraining):

1. Complete Mississippi Prostate Cancer HBCU Undergraduate Research Training Program application form
2. A written personal statement
3. Provide resume
4. Provide two letters of recommendation (one of which is completed by a STEM instructor)
5. Official transcripts of undergraduate grades

Deadline: March 27, 2015, 5PM CT

Notification: On or before May 1, 2015

Information: (www.umc.edu/researchtraining)

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